

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-9 are pending and are rejected.

Claim 1 is amended.

35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 7, 8, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US 6,704,061 ("Mears"), applicants have amended claim 1 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention. Applicants submit that amended claim 1, and dependent claims 2-7 are patentable over Mears. Applicants also submit that independent claim 8, dependent claim 9, are patentable over Mears for the reasons discussed below.

Amended claim 1 recites a system for indicating the status of a video apparatus, comprising a power indicator illumination; and a user interface including an option for allowing a user to selectively illuminate the power indicator illumination when the video apparatus is powered on. Support for the underlined feature can be found, for example, on FIG. 2. Applicants submit that Mears does not disclose or suggest a system for indicating the status of a video apparatus, including a user interface including an option for allowing a user to selectively illuminate a power indicator illumination when the video apparatus is powered on.

Mears discloses a method for turning off a liquid crystal display (LCD) or a liquid crystal on silicon (LCOS) projection television 300 by delaying de-energizing a backlight source 302 in the TV 300, so that a user can turn on the TV 300 within a first predefined interval without having to wait for time needed to re-energize the backlight source 302. See FIG. 3, and col. 3, lines 7-28. During the first predetermined time, the TV 300 blanks the display and mutes the audio, and turns off a power-on indicator LED

306. See col. 4, lines 3-16. When a power-on command is received from a remote control 309 within the first predetermined time, the TV 300 un-blanks the display, unmutes the audio, and turns on the power-on indicator 306. See col. 4, lines 36-44. Thus, when the TV 300 (relied upon as the video apparatus) is powered on, the TV 300 turns on the power-on indicator LED 306 (relied upon as the power indicator illumination), and when the TV 300 is turned off, the TV 300 turns off the power-on indicator LED 306. Nowhere does Mears disclose or suggest that a user can selectively illuminate the power-on indicator LED 306 when the TV 300 is powered on.

As such, there is no need that the remote control 309 (relied upon as the user interface) includes an option for allowing a user to selectively illuminate the power-on indicator LED 306 (relied upon as the power indicator illumination) when the TV 300 is powered on, as recited in amended claim 1.

In light of the fact, that Mears does not disclose or suggest a user interface including an option for allowing a user to selectively illuminate the power indicator illumination when a video apparatus is powered on, as recited in amended claim 1, applicants submit that amended claim 1, and dependent claims 2-7, are patentable over Mears.

Claim 8 recites a method of controlling the power illumination of an apparatus, comprising a step of providing a user interface for allowing a user to selectively turn the power indicator illumination off, even when the apparatus is powered on. As discussed above with respect to amended claim 1, Mears does not disclose or suggest that a user can selectively illuminate the power-on indicator LED 306 (relied upon as the power illumination) when the TV 300 (relied upon as the apparatus) is powered on. As such, applicants submit that claim 8, and dependent claim 9, are patentable over Mears.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Responsive to the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mears, applicants submit that claims 4 and 5 are patentable over Mears for their dependence from amended claim 1.

As discussed above Mears fails to disclose or suggest a system for indicating the status of a video apparatus, comprising a user interface including an option for allowing a user to selectively illuminate a power indicator illumination when the video apparatus is powered on. Since the Office Action does not cite a reference that cures the defect of Mears as applied to amended claim 1, amended claim 1, and dependent claims 4 and 5, are patentable over Mears.

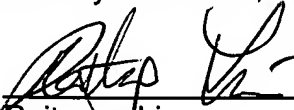
Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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